

SCENES IN COURT.

woman to her lawful husband.

Testimony of Benjamin B. Bowen.
 The Rev. Benjamin B. Bowen, examined by Mr. Gerry:—
 Q. Dr. Bowen, are you a clergyman? A. I do not preach and lecturer.
 Q. You speak on subjects for the amelioration of the blind of all denominations. A. I do, sir.
 Q. Do you know the person at the bar, Mr. Daniel McFarland? A. I do.
 Q. How long have you known him? A. Some twenty-seven years.
 Q. When you first knew him what business was he engaged in? A. He was in the city of Boston with

The Court—“have can thirty or twenty-seven years ago what to do with it?”

Witness resumed—“I saw him in the fall of 1967; I saw him in the fall of 1968 in this appearance. I had not seen him before that for two or three years; he had formerly been of a lively disposition; he had now a subdued manner; I observed a change in his appearance; he had a pale complexion; his appearance was that of a man who had suffered a great deal; he said that he had had a sickness some great that no tongue could tell what he had suffered from; he said that he had been in the hospital; he said that he had inflammation of the brain; he read a letter known as ‘the intercepted letter,’ and as he read it he trembled very much, and his hands were shaking; he said that he had been in the hospital; he could not stop and that he had taken remedies for the sleeplessness, but it produced no effect.

They were almost unendurable; they were thicker, denser, more overwhelming; I never saw such intense feeling in any other place. I felt that even the trees that lined the streets in Boston were because they were alive, the leaves would, if they saw him, think he ought not to have the custody of the child; I know that as a member of the firm; if McFarland had been in a proper state to exhibit in court the trial would go on, and it was for that reason alone; at that time McFarland's behavior was irrational; I remember some instructions given by him to counsel that counsel was not to assail the chastity of his wife; but I was not a wife, I was a woman, very great and noble, for all she was was a noble character of woman.

Testimony of Mrs. Owen McFarland.
Mrs. Owen McFarland examined—Q. Mrs. McFarland, where do you reside? A. Thirty-fourth street.
Q. You are the wife of Owen, the brother of Daniel, who resides at the hotel? A. I am.
Q. What number in Thirty-fourth street do you reside at? A. No. 353.
Q. How long have you known Mr. Daniel McFarland? A. Thirty years.
Q. Did he ever reside in your family? A. He did for four or five years.

Q. Did he say anything about the subject of her husband becoming a drunkard?

A. Objected to.

Counsel—We intend to show that Mr. McFarland had boasted that he never could become a drunkard, for McFarland knew that if he ever got drunk three times she would leave him.

The Court—The question cannot be permitted.

Q. Did he display any particular feeling on the occasion of his reading the intercepted letter—any loss of mind?

A. Yes, he read the letter and then took his hands from his head and spoke of his children as if they were not his children, and that he was very bad.

Testimony of Spencer Kirby.
Spencer Kirby, the original witness, produced a certain original return from the Assessor's office, forwarded from Mr. Cleveland's return to Mr. McFarland's income return for 1868, even to June 28, 1867; he returns income, \$1,710, and deductions, \$1,244; he returns a balance of \$466. Kirby was a member of the Commission of Enrolment's department in 1865; I think he was in the Appraiser's department after that for some time.

To Mr. Arvin—I don't know how long he is in his current House.

Testimony of Mrs. Mary Mason.
Mary Mason was next called and examined—Re-

A resolution was offered empowering the Commissioners to lease the second and third floors of 104, 106 and 110 Centre street, for the accommodation of the First District Police Court, for a period of ten years at \$7,500 a year. The resolution was lost, and reconsidered and laid over.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Clerk of the Common Council to employ a suitable person or persons to prepare a list of names to compile and prepare for publication the leading cases in which the City has been concerned as defendant, and authorizing the Clerk of the Common Council to cause 5,000 copies of the same to be printed and distributed.

The Board adjourned after accomplishing this business.

The board of directors of the Board of Public Works, consisting of Mayor Joseph P. D'Amico, Chairman; Joseph J. Clark, Mayor; J. B. Van Buren and Aaron E. King, Commissioner of Street Assessments; Charles Spitznagel, Board Master.

The first meeting was made by the minority to break up the meeting of the Board on account of the alleged illegality of the vote electing the four majority. Alexander Carroll, of the Irish American League, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by a vote of 10 to 1. The motion was a reference of the matter to a committee of the body for investigation. Mayor Kyle delivered a lengthy message, urging public improvements and the building of a new city hall.

The meeting was adjourned to an oyster supper, and the first meeting was ended in the most